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Following are Qs and As Department press briefing

May 23 re discussions on strategic nuclear delivery vehicles:

QUOTE..Q. Have we made any progress with the ~~Sov~~ Soviet Union in setting a date for talks on ABM limitations?

A. No. We have not yet had a reply from the Soviet Union on a date. The President's offer still stands.

Q. When was the last time we asked them.

A. Well, we have done this on a number of occasions from time to time.. I can't think specifically the last time.

Q. Can you say if the subject came up at the lunch with Kuznetsov last week?

A. I couldn't say that it did not. I can say that ^{if} it did, nothing was resolved. Most of the discussion on that day surrounded the NPT.....UNQUOTE

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